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In re Patent Application of:
M. David BUTTS et al.

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For: CATHETER CONNECTOR

Examiner: Laura A. BOUCHELLE

STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This statement of the substance of the interview is in response to the Interview Summary mailed April 28, 2009.

An Interview was conducted via telephone on April 20, 2009, between the undersigned and Examiner Laura A. Bouchelle. Independent claim 14 was discussed in view of cited art to Cosentino, Dennehey, and Tucker. The undersigned presented arguments regarding the improper combination of the trio of art to Cosentino, Dennehey, and Tucker cited against claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The Examiner suggested language to overcome the art of record in the case. Although no agreement was reached during the course of the Interview on April 20, 2009, the Examiner confirmed in a later phone call that a Notice of Allowance would be mailed with an Examiner's Amendment with agreed-to language.

Applicants acknowledge the withdrawal of the finality of the action mailed October 1, 2008 in response to the Amendment filed on November 24, 2008 to place the case in condition for allowance, which withdrawal was confirmed to Applicants via telephone on March 31, 2009. In particular, the Examiner indicated to Applicants that the finality of the action mailed October 1, 2008 was withdrawn and a non-final action was sent for processing on March 30, 2009, even though the mailing date of the non-final Office Action was not until April 2, 2009 due to end of the quarter backlog.

No fee is believed to be due with this filing. However Applicants authorize any fee deficiencies in this case to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2191, under Order No. 101672.0023P, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: May 11, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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